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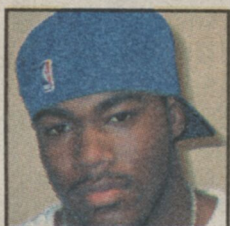
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## Wright outlines expectations for the university

By Christina Johnson  
Editor in Chief

Dr. George Wright, the seventh president of Prairie View A & M University, addressed the student body in a general assembly Aug. 27, to give his expectations for the university.

"It's definitely good seeing so many students here this morning," Wright said to an unusually large crowd seated in the William J. "Billy" Nicks Field House. "I am extremely happy and honored to be here at Prairie View A & M University."

Wright is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in history. He earned his doctorate in history from Duke University.

In 1995, Wright was named provost at the University of Texas at Arlington. He has been a vice provost and professor both at Duke University and at the University of Texas at Austin.

Wright explained in his speech that he wanted *Prairie View* "to remain an institution of the first class."

"I believe in the basics in everything in life and we need to get back to the basics — our students — at Prairie View," Wright said.

Wright said he wants a better working relationship with students and professors. "A faculty member can make it hard for students," he said. "I don't want to hear about any faculty members who pride themselves on making students fail."

Wright also said he wants to stop the hassle that students have to go through to get paperwork signed. "The runaround for students on the campus needs to end. A lot of the extra paperwork needs to end. We need to help our students."

The main issue Wright stressed was enhancing the quality of a Prairie View degree.

"I want to take the [Prairie View] degree and make it better," he said. "I want to make it to where it will be tough for students to get into Prairie View because of the quality of the degrees we will offer."

Wright gave encouraging words to the student body to help them have a pro-

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Dr. George Wright, the new president of Prairie View A & M University, addressed the student body in a general assembly to discuss his goals for the university.

## Out with the old, in with the new

After three years of planning, the MSC finally opens

By Stephanie Fantop  
Panther Staff

The wait is finally over. After three years of talk and construction the new Memorial Student Center (MSC) is complete.

Prairie View students, the state, and Sodexo—a catering and management service company, funded the \$26 million structure.

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Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijjewe  
The 2003-2004 school year has brought about new changes for the campus of PVAMU. The main attraction is the new Student Center.

## Tempton hospitalized

By Christina Johnson  
Editor in Chief

Willie Tempton, senior vice president for development and external relations, and former interim president of Prairie View A & M University, was hospitalized over the weekend.

"I don't know what the diagnosis is, specifically," said Dr. Doris Price, interim vice president for student and enrollment services. "He is resting well; his wife and children are with him."

Price stated the family wants privacy on his

hospital location.

Student Government Association President Hendrik Maison said he was saddened by Tempton's illness. "Mr. Tempton is an inspiration to everyone. His kindness and understanding brought peace and togetherness to our campus. He is a great leader."

Price said that after all that Tempton has done for the university, it is time for the university to provide for him. "He's given so much to the university and it's time for the university to pray and do something for him."



## •State•

## PV's Seven Day Forecast

**Wed Sep 03** Scattered T-Storms  
90°/69°

**Thu Sep 04** PM T-Storms  
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**Fri Sep 05** Partly Cloudy  
86°/64°

**Sat Sep 06** Partly Cloudy  
85°/64°

**Sun Sep 07** Partly Cloudy  
87°/65°

**Mon Sep 08** Partly Cloudy  
88°/65°

**Tue Sep 09** Partly Cloudy  
91°/68°

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## •National•

## College student faces hearing for threatening Bryant accuser

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A college student arrested on a charge of threatening Kobe Bryant's accuser is a "sports fanatic" who had been drinking all day at a golf tournament, a friend says.

John William Roche, 22, allegedly left the profanity-laced threat on the woman's answering machine on July 27. A University of Iowa student, Roche waived extradition to Denver, where he is to appear in federal court Tuesday.

He is charged with making a threatening telephone call across state lines. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

## Professor jailed on suicide watch apparently suffocated herself

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A Villanova University professor charged with killing her baby daughter with a kitchen knife apparently committed suicide in jail by putting a plastic garbage bag over her head, authorities said.

Mine Ener had been on a suicide watch, and her attorney blamed prosecutors Sunday, saying she should have been hospitalized. Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner said keeping Ener in jail was appropriate and suggested Ener had been "committed to overcoming" all security measures intended to keep her from hurting herself.

## Violence at New York City West Indian Parade

NEW YORK (AP) — Violence marred the festive atmosphere of New York's West Indian American Day parade on Monday as a man was shot to death and a second was stabbed.

## •World•

## Abdullah tells Moscow that Riyadh won't tolerate terrorists

MOSCOW (AP) — In the first visit to post-Soviet Russia by a Saudi leader, Crown Prince Abdullah is expected to focus on convincing Moscow his country does not tolerate terrorism, despite Kremlin contentions that Chechen rebels get Saudi help.

Riyadh has faced widespread international criticism for being unable to control terrorist organizations allegedly operating in Saudi Arabia. Fifteen of 19 hijackers in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were Saudis.

"Saudi Arabia is naturally now administering serious diplomatic activity to convince the world that it does not support this sort of tendency," said Professor Vladimir Isayev, deputy director of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow. "Saudi Arabia is a country, it seems, on the verge of being a social outcast."

## Israeli commission criticizes government treatment of its Arab citizens

JERUSALEM (AP) — A groundbreaking Israeli commission of inquiry found police used excessive force in quelling Arab riots three years ago and said in a stinging report released Monday that the Jewish state has systematically neglected its Arab minority.

The document — the product of three years of investigation — was based on the testimony of 377 witnesses and only the fifth probe of such scope in Israel's history.

The panel's findings came as Israeli-Palestinian violence flared anew Monday. An Israeli helicopter fired missiles at a car carrying three Hamas militants in Gaza City, killing one and wounding another. Twenty-five bystanders also were hurt in the sixth Israeli mis-

## Laying a foundation for the builders of tomorrow



Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

*Prairie View A & M University officials break ground for the new School of Architecture and Art Building on Aug. 15.*

sile strike in two weeks. In the West Bank city of Nablus, soldiers shot and critically wounded a 15-year-old boy after a firebomb set their tank on fire.

## Tehran prosecutors reject indictment in murder of photographer

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Tehran prosecutors on Monday rejected charges issued last month against two Intelligence Ministry agents in the slaying of an Iranian-Canadian photojournalist.

An independent judge had charged the agents with complicity in Zahra Kazemi's "semi-premeditated murder." The 54-year-old photographer died July 10 after sustaining head injuries while in custody.

Kazemi's death came nearly three weeks after she was detained for taking photographs outside a Tehran prison during student-led protests. Following 77 hours of interrogation,

she was rushed to a hospital's intensive care unit, where she died 14 days later.

## Women turn up dead in Chihuahua, trider killings heading south

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP) — A nightmare of killings has haunted northern Mexico's young women for a decade, and families of victims and suspects alike are so frustrated over what they see as inept investigations that they've joined in an unusual alliance to criticize police.

## Two civilians killed, three injured in Kashmir shelling

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani and Indian troops traded heavy weapons fire in the divided Kashmir region, leaving two people dead and three others wounded in Pakistan's part of the remote Himalayan region, police said.



# The Panther

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# A new day at The Panther

## Meet the new faces that represent the student voice



By Christina Johnson

Editor in Chief

Welcome back, Panthers! Hopefully, everyone had a productive summer and all of you are ready to have a great academic year.

If you haven't noticed by now, many changes have happened on campus during the summer to keep this university an "institution of the

first class".

First of all, we have a new president, Dr. George C. Wright, there's a new student center, and ground has been broken for a new architecture building. In addition, we have an improved football team (well...), and "supposedly" it's a new day in University Village (yeah right!).

Well, to borrow the theme from the village, another change has been made: there is definitely a new day at The Panther.

For starters, we have new staff for the 2003-2004 academic year. Second, we have a new office in the Student Center. Lastly, the new staff is working harder to serve the students.

The Panther is a student-run publication and the

voice of the student body of Prairie View. This means that all students should use this vehicle of communication to express their concerns and views about what is wrong or right at the university.

Many of you sit back, complain, and go with the flow. This year, we challenge all of you to take a stand. If you feel that something needs to be changed, speak up about it. Whether it's housing, financial aid, security, classes, or administration, let your voices be heard! Don't talk about- be about it.

We're not saying be renegades and bum-rush the steps of administration. We're saying just stand up and fight for what you believe in. When you decide to take a stand, The Panther will be right

there with you. We are here to serve the students.

We, The Panther, have an open door policy and are always open to new ideas, suggestions, and help. Stop by and visit us some time (check our location in the marquee to the left).

Once again, welcome back and have a great year!

## Doris Price welcomes freshman class to PV

### To Our Students:

Welcome to Prairie View A & M University, a university with a rich history and a very bright future. This is a university where the concept of family is strongly promoted among the students, administrators, faculty and staff. Your enrollment at PVAMU means that you are a part of this family and all of us are here to support your collegiate experience.

The Division for Student and Enrollment Services will provide programs that will support your academic, intellectual, social, cultural and moral development. We will challenge you to continue your intellectual growth and development by participating in co-curricular and numerous out of class room activities. We encourage you to start now to develop friendships that will last beyond your time in college and value the friendliness and support that will be available not only from your peers, but from administrators, faculty and staff. Remember that we are here to

encourage you to remain excited about your college education, to remain focused, and continue to embrace a strong value system, never compromising your values.

Our open door policy will allow you to confer with us at times that will complement your busy schedule. If at any time you desire assistance on your road to successfully graduating from Prairie View A&M University, please contact me or any of the staff in the Division for Student and Enrollment Services.

I wish you a happy and rewarding experience in Pantherland. Have fun, enjoy campus life, but do stay focused on your goal - Graduation Day.

**Dr. Doris Price**  
**Interim Vice President**  
**Student and Enrollment Services**

## Tempton honored at commencement

### Press Release

Family, friends, faculty, administrators and Texas A&M System representatives converged on the William "Billy" J. Nicks building of Prairie View A&M University on Aug. 9 to recognize the record breaking accomplishments of Interim President Willie A. Tempton, and to celebrate 279 summer graduates.

The Texas A&M Board of Directors appointed Tempton to the position in Fall 2002. As a Prairie View A&M graduate and long time fiscal officer of the university, Tempton is credited with stabilizing the institution following the exit of the recent president, Dr. Charles Hines.

Tempton's contributions were recognized at the 93rd Summer Commencement Convocation when Texas A&M's System Deputy Chancellor Jerry Gaston, presented Tempton with a carving of a panther and with an inscription that read "Our Hero." Gaston also announced that a resolution would be presented in Tempton's honor to the Texas A&M Board of Regents

at the September meeting for adoption and permanent attachment to the minutes.

The resolution outlined Tempton's accomplishments, recognizing his military achievement, which culminated with the rank of U.S. Army colonel with responsibility for 1700 personnel and 4000 army residents.

Following retirement from the army, Tempton returned to his alma mater to help, but his temporary visit grew into years with multiple requests to stay on in fiscal affairs and finally to serve as interim president during a nationwide search for a president.

As his final public duty, Tempton conferred 182 master's and 97 bachelor's degrees on the graduates. Thirteen honor students were recognized and two ROTC graduates were commissioned.

The new president of PVAMU, George C. Wright, took office on Aug. 15. Tempton will remain with the university as senior vice president for External Affairs and Development with primary responsibility for the capital campaign.



## The Wright Way



By Denise Cohen  
Managing Editor

Welcome back to "the Hill," Panthers. Since the summer many changes have taken place on the yard. While many are for the better some have proven to be unsuccessful.

First, I would like to say congratulations to the Village. For the first time in a long time the Village management is actually delivering on most of its promises to make our living community as safe as possible. We all can recall the violence that plagued Phase I and II last year and now can take a breath of fresh air knowing that the Village is finally on top of its game.

Second, how many of us seniors thought we would never see the MSC open? I know I did. Finally we can see what the \$40 fee has produced. Despite problems in financial aid and the disappearance of the five meal plan, the MSC has provided a "one stop shop" for us to take care of our fiscal issues and eat a variety of foods offered by the new and improved cooks.

Finally, one last issue taunts many of us. After a long and hard search we were finally given a President. Dr. Wright addressed the student body with his goals and views for PV. He also stands strong in his beliefs in our university and has instilled in us that Panther pride is finally back on the yard.

Hopefully, with all of these new changes, only positive things will come about. If you, as a student, see something that is wrong challenge it, so we can strive to make more changes for future Panthers.

# Traffic light proposed to curb problems on University Drive

By LaKiesha Holman  
Panther Staff

The intersection at University Drive and Owens Road is steadily overcrowded with traffic. In the past year accidents occurred at this intersection.

Prairie View Mayor Frank Jackson has proposed to the Texas Department of Transportation and Prairie View A&M University to put up a traffic light at that intersection.

"It's (University Drive) very congested in the mornings and evenings, and when the University has special events. Police officials are in place at this intersection on occasion but that's not always feasible," Jackson said. The project will be funded by the Texas Department of Transportation and should

be completed by the end of the fall semester in December.

Mayor Jackson and former Interim President Willie Tempton made the proposal for the project last year. "In 2002 I met with Mr. Tempton and we brought administrators and engineers from the Texas Department of Transportation to the table. I came as Mayor of Prairie View and Mr. Tempton came as the university's president. A traffic researcher was sent out to watch the traffic, count the amount of cars that pass, and gather police reports, and they saw that there was a need."

Students of Prairie View A&M University voiced their concerns about the new project. "I feel like it's a good idea," says graduate counseling student Notika

Brooks. "I've seen three wrecks at that same spot." Sophomore Ashley Courtney

stated, "I think there should be a stop light to prevent accidents"

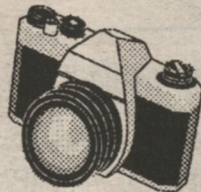
When asked how the new traffic light will benefit students and the city of Prairie View, Mayor

Jackson said, "It will provide safety and better traffic management."



A traffic light may greet students as they enter the campus to control traffic problems.

Photo By: Aaron Hamilton



## PURPLE & GOLD POLL



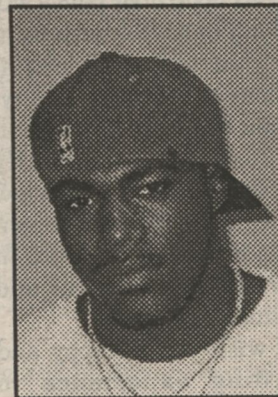
### What do you think of the new MSC?



**Kalia McKinley**

Junior / Electrical Engineering

"I think the student center is very nice, but there is one problem. The problem is that we are still paying for the MSC and they want to charge us to rent the ballroom and the auditorium that we paid for and are still paying for."



**Quinton Phillips**

Senior / Social Work

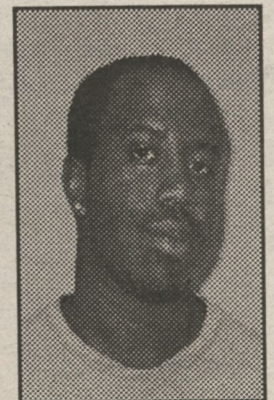
"I think it is a great addition to our campus and it is a wonderful meeting place for the students of Prairie View."



**Ashley Garrett**

Freshman / Biology

"I feel that the student center is convenient for students who need to take care of business because everything is in one building."



**Brandon Bowden**

Sophomore / Computer Eng.

"It is a good center for us students to gather in no matter the weather conditions. It shows progress for our school."

Photos By: Aaron L. Hamilton



# Scholarship established at UTMB's school of medicine for PV graduates

## Special to the Panther

A San Antonio couple recently established a scholarship for Prairie View A&M University graduates enrolled in the University of Texas Medical Branch's School of Medicine.

Dr. Harmon Kelley, a UTMB graduate, and his wife, Harriet, created the E.E. O'Banion Endowed Scholarship in the university's medical school in memory of Harriet Kelley's father. Elmer E. O'Banion, who had a Ph.D in organic chemistry, was chairman of the chemistry department and director of the natural sciences department at Prairie View A&M from the 1940s to the 1970s, and he encouraged students at the historically black university to attend UTMB. O'Banion routinely worked with the UTMB deans to ensure successful admission and retention of his students.

Harriet Kelley said she was emotionally ready to establish a scholarship that honored her father, who died in 1971. "It's nice to have him remembered this way," she said. "It's continuing the dream he had for these students and making it possible. He became their mentor, preparing them not only academically but socially and emotionally to compete in an integrated setting. In fact, the first black student to attend the Baylor University's medical school was a Prairie View A&M student in 1965."

Kelley said her father constantly endeavored to help Prairie View A&M students gain admission to UTMB, writing letters of recommendation or convincing those who were initially rejected for admission to get their master's degrees and reapply. "He built a very competent faculty to help

prepare students for medical school," she said.

In addition to his leadership positions at Prairie View A&M, O'Banion directed the National Science Programs for Secondary School Teachers and Talented High School Students, which was funded by the National Science Foundation. The program enabled gifted African American high school students to take advanced science courses throughout the country. Black science teachers also received stipends through the program to take science classes that enhanced their competence in the classroom. Many of the high school students who took science classes at Prairie View A&M through the national program returned to the university as freshmen.



## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

**WELCOMES ALL RETURNING  
PANTHERS AND THE CLASS OF  
2007 BACK TO THE HILL!!!**

## Health Hints

# West Nile

### Definition

West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and causes an illness that ranges from mild to severe. Mild, flu-like illness is often called West Nile fever. More severe forms of the disease, which can be life-threatening, may be called West Nile encephalitis or West Nile meningitis, depending on where it spreads.

### Prevention

The best way to prevent West Nile virus infection is to avoid mosquito bites. Using mosquito-repellant products containing DEET and wearing long sleeves and pants are the most effective ways to avoid bites.

### Symptoms

Mild disease, generally called West Nile fever, has some or all of the following symptoms:

- \* Fever
- \* Headache
- \* Back pain
- \* Muscle aches
- \* Lack of appetite
- \* Sore throat
- \* Nausea
- \* Vomiting
- \* Abdominal pain
- \* Diarrhea

These symptoms usually last for 3 to 6 days. With more severe disease, the following symptoms can also be seen and require prompt attention:

- \* Muscle weakness
- \* Stiff neck
- \* Confusion or change in clarity of thinking
- \* Loss of consciousness



## Responsibility: The remedy



**By Dustin Daniel**  
Sports Correspondent

This summer was marked by shock as even the most virtuous of all professional athletes, Kobe Bryant, fell prey to the pitfalls that befuddle athletes of his caliber. Although portrayed as the standard-bearer for disposition and character in the NBA, temptation invaded Bryant. By July 6th, the entire planet knew of his bout with infidelity. With that being said, one may ask themselves, "Is there any hope for professional athletes?" I'd like to think that there is. The answer to this quandary lies on the strength of one word: Responsibility.

Sir Charles Barkley graced the television screen with the ever-so-famous statement, "I am not a role model!" Contrary to Barkley's belief, athletes ARE role models. Long gone are the days when parents, preachers, and teachers were idolized in the eyes of the youth. Indeed, all an individual has to do is take a look outside and see the Iverson-esque cornrows and tattoos, as well as a colorful assortment of headbands, a la Baron Davis. Truly, athletes must take notice of the influence that they hold over America's youth. In doing that, they must act responsibly BOTH on and off the court.

In every sport, professional athletes are obligated to act responsibly. Even when they're away from the court, the eyes of the public are watching them.

# One life, eight to go...

Costly turnovers and lack of execution play major part in loss for PV

**By Steven Kennedy**  
Panther Staff

The Prairie View A&M University Panther took on the Texas Southern University Tigers in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Labor Day Classic on Saturday Aug. 30 in the spectacular Reliant Stadium. The game marked the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting between the two archrivals, and attracted a crowd of over 30,000 spectators.

In this particular Labor Day Classic the game had a different atmosphere than previous ones. It was the first time that the two schools would play in a state of the art facility, the Reliant Stadium. The Reliant Stadium is one of the finest football stadiums in the world, and will be the site of the Super Bowl in January 2004.

Prairie View A&M's football team also brought a new look to the classic, with a new head coach, former NFL player C.L. Whittington. A

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Photo by Gitonga M'Mbijewe

*Panther quarterback attempts pass against rushing TSU defense. The Panthers were beaten 42-3 at the Labor Day Classic in front of 30,000 at Reliant Stadium.*

## Soccer squad mixes bonding and fundamentals for winning recipe

**By Dustin Daniel**  
Sports Correspondent

Integrity, pride, class and camaraderie describe Prairie View A&M University. In all facets and departments, PVAMU is a school that seeks to show and prove these characteristics, not only on campus, but also in all other venues.

Led by head coach Felicia Tarver and assistants Amy Olsen and Michael Wiggins, the Prairie View Lady Panthers soccer team is an organization that is "doin' it and, doin' it and doin' it well."

In any sport, fundamentals are essential for a victorious outcome. Coach Tarver echoes those sentiments at all practices. The consistent drills on the games'

fundamentals act similarly to mechanical drills for their psyche. With enough drilling on the fundamentals and the team's strong depth, the Lady Panthers will be equipped with ample strengths for a promising upcoming season.

In all team oriented sports, the victorious ones are always committed to becoming a cohesive unit. With a single objective in mind, the Lady Panthers are aiming for the same target.

Not only do these athletes embody cohesion on the field but they practice bonding off of it.

"They respect each other, but they bond with one another a lot on their own

time," Tarver said.

This seemingly close-knit family also acts as a means of inspiration and positive reinforcement. Along with the physical preparation comes internal traits, such as pride and discipline.

What's emphasized greatly as the two necessary traits to be a member of the squad by Tarver, the Lady Panthers wear it on their sleeves in the midst of competition.

"When we step out on that field, we are representing Prairie View A&M University," Tarver said. "If you love PV, you should and will fight to the bitter end to represent what the university stands for.

When prideful, one becomes cognizant of whatever must be executed thoroughly for success. Discipline is defined by the American Heritage Dictionary as controlled behavior resulting from training. Their consistent hard work can be counted responsible for this team's adamant disposition.

Anytime, losing can be detrimental to the psyche of an athlete. Fortunately, the Lady Panthers play doctor to one another in healing emotional scars.

"I always encourage the girls to keep their heads held

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deeper roster, and a new offense in the West-Coast Offense, which contains mainly passing plays and a fast pace type of flow.

The Panthers started the game by kicking off to Texas Southern and a forcing a fumble that was recovered by fullback Anthony Gibson, that gave Prairie View's offense excellent field position to start the game on Texas Southern's 42-yard line. But the Tigers' defense held up well enough to force Prairie View offense into a punting situation. In the first half of play both teams' defenses played very aggressively, and as a result there were no touchdowns scored in the first half. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> offensive drive for Prairie View A&M they cashed in, when Charles McCall made a 42-yard field goal to put the Panthers up 3-0 with 1:32 to go in the first quarter.

The Panthers' defense made life miserable for the opposing Texas Southern's offense as the Tigers weren't able to get anything going offensively in the first half. Strong performances on Prairie Views' defense in the first half were turned in by

NG Sammie August, SS Sidney Taylor, LB Jarrett Lowery, LB Corey Stewart, LB Chris Mercer, CB Jason Austin, FS Carlan White, and the Panthers' defense as a whole worked as a unit to shut out Texas Southern in the first half. Leaders on the Panthers' offense at the half were WR Charles Washington ( 7 catches for 41 yards), and QB newcomer James Adamo ( 8 for 10 passing for 69 yards).

With Prairie View up 3-0 at halftime, Texas Southern obviously had to make some changes in the game plan and they did just that by scoring 21 unanswered points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Runningback Jermaine Joseph kicked the scoring off for the Tigers with a 6-yard touchdown to put Texas Southern up 7-3, with 8:20 left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. The Tigers struck again quickly with a 54-yard interception return by Free Safety Corey Alexander off a Mark Spivey pass to put Texas Southern up 14-3 with 7:35 to go in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Fullback Lachaz Green rounded off the scoring attack in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with an 8-yard touchdown run to put the tigers up 21-3 going into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Texas Southern's rushing attack was mainly led

by Quaterbacks Carlos Pierson, and Gerred Lunnon who played a big part in TSU's 211 yards on the ground going into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter which was mainly gained through running options and draw plays. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter mistakes continued to plague Prairie View on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball which pretty much spelled the outcome of the game that resulted into a 41-3 loss.

This week Prairie View A&M will bounce back as they travel to Shreveport, Louisiana to face the Southern Jaguars in the Independence Stadium this Saturday. Game time is at 6:00 p.m.

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high," Tarver said. "The only time you should ever look down one another is when you are reaching down to lift them up." A number one ranking in the SWAC isn't far-fetched, Tarver said.

"As long as we practice like champions, these young ladies will compete against any level of competition," Tarver said. The journey begins this Sunday, Aug. 31 in Lake Charles, La. versus McNeese State at 4 p.m.

## Will the Americans stay for anthem in Athens?

### Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Something strange happened on the medal stand: The Americans abandoned it just as their national anthem was played.

"Nobody was really directing us. They just said go up there and that was it, we were on our own," Jermaine O'Neal said. "We didn't know when to raise the trophy. We didn't know when to do anything."

Forgive the U.S. team for its breach of international basketball etiquette Sunday night. After all, they're not used to winning.

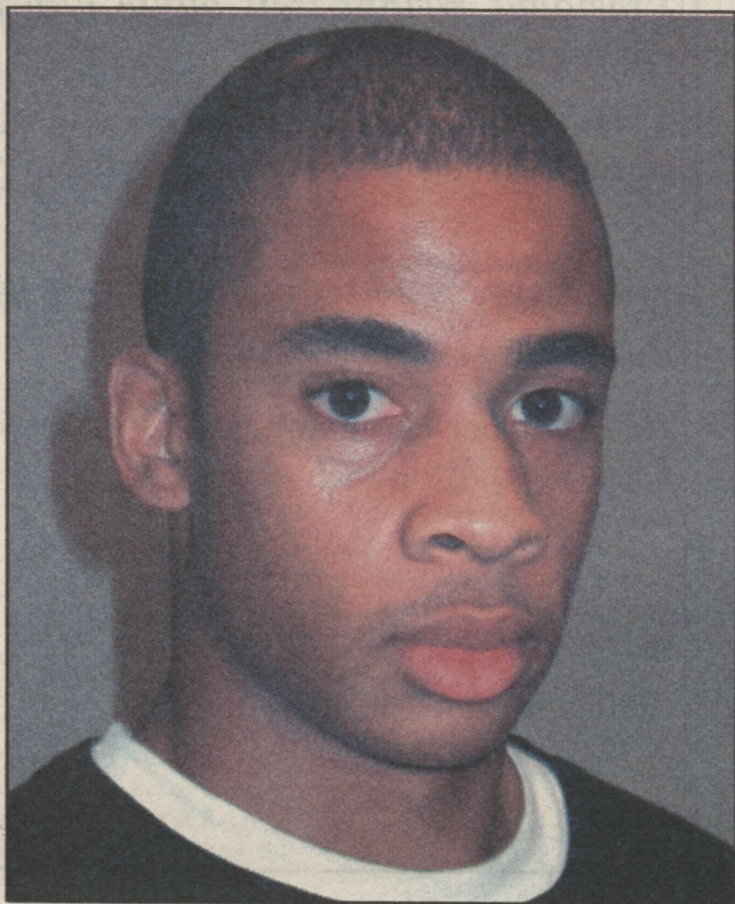
About an hour after they lost to Spain last summer

in the fifth-place game at the World Championships in Indianapolis, the limousines were lining up outside their hotel to transport the Nightmare Team outta there.

Among those U.S. players was O'Neal, one of only two holdovers on the 2003 Olympic qualifying team.

"We're the best in the world," O'Neal said after the United States defeated Argentina 106-73 Sunday night in the gold medal game at the Tournament of the Americas. "We wanted to come out and be extremely sharp, give the world something to think about for a year — let the rest of the world know that we are for real."

# Athlete of the week



**Name:** Charles McCall

**Classification:** Junior

**Major:** English

**Position:** Kicker

**Claim To Fame:** Only one to score at the Labor Day Classic

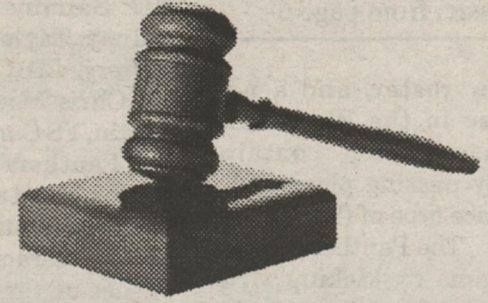


# PVU VS. SU

## One Day Trip

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

- \* \$35 for one day trip
- \* \$40 for one day trip including T-shirt
- \* Fee includes: One ticket and two meals
- \* Must have on a Prairie View T-shirt to attend
- \* Meet at 8 a.m. in front of the Baby Dome
- \* Buses leave at 9 a.m.
- \* Sign up at the MSC info table or SGA office room 223 by Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m.
- \* Must pay all funds at the Fiscal Office in Banks no later than Friday, Sept. 5, at 12 noon
- \* Must bring receipt to get on the bus



## SGA Speaks Out

### Q&A With SGA President Hendrik Maison

*Q. What are your plans for this year?*

"To create leadership on every aspect of S.G.A. as well as make it as effective as it has ever been."

*Q. What changes will we see in S.G.A. this year?*

A. "Three out of the six vice presidents are new, and the chief of staff returned after taking the spring off."

*Q. What qualifications did you see in President Wright that made him the right choice for PV?*

A. "He understands the students and their culture. He is a real leader and visionary."

*Q. What is the best thing about being S.G.A. President?*

A. "The experiences and getting to present the student's views."

*Q. Describe your job in two words?*

A. "Rewarding and challenging."



## FALL 2003

The Department of Student Activities & Leadership will offer MIP Forum Sessions in the Memorial Student Center, RM 221C

Monday, Sept. 8	Monday, Sept. 22	Tuesday, Sept. 30
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Thursday, Sept. 25	Thursday, Oct. 2
Thurs. Sept. 11	Monday, Sept. 29	

3:30 PM, 5:15 PM, 6:15 PM, 7:15 PM

MIP Forum attendee space is limited to 20 participants per session. Participants must register with the DSAL in MSC, RM 221 by 12:00 PM Noon the day of the session offering.

\*\*\*Prospective members and chapter members must complete one (1) MIP Forum prior to the initiation of the respective organization's MIP process.\*\*\*

*Failure of the requested individuals to attend the minimum one (1) MIP Forum will forfeit his/her opportunity to participate in the university's FALL 2003 Membership Intake Program.*

Students needing special assistance, call ext. 2610.



Student Organization Recognition Packet 2003  
(Recognized Student Organizations)

Due Tuesday, September 30, 2003 @ 5:00 PM  
Memorial Student Center, RM 221

Forms now available @  
[www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities](http://www.pvamu.edu/studentactivities) "Fillable Forms"



# What does "A New Day in the Village" Mean?

## Maintenance and extra security are expected to bring relief

By Lisa Shaw  
Panther Staff

Cameras installed in Phases I and II of University Village are part of security measures university village officials say they have implemented to ensure student safety.

"We hope the cameras are a turning factor," associate general manager of university village, LaTosha Monroe said.

Not only are safety procedures being taken on the outside, using cameras to prevent any criminal intent in the parking lots, university village associates said some buildings are now same sex, meaning each building is filled with all women or all men.

Monroe said the reason for same sex buildings, that were tested this summer with success, is to make it easier to know where residents are.

According to Monroe, new policemen have been hired to protect the premises and the 1,400

students living in the facility.

The associate general manager also said

Maintenance has

also jumped on the bandwagon. According to

Taylor said each

month his crew plans on checking air conditioners,

Moving into the village this year also changed. Students were given a certain date to move in rather than coming whenever they wanted.

Students were quickly accommodated and given their move in packages in less than 10 minutes.

Taylor said that in the past, it was very difficult to move 1,876 students in at once when there were only six workers to handle approximately 30 buildings.

All these changes are due to the new way of thinking and planning by the university village's managing staff.

Management came up with the theme "A New Day in the Village."

Monroe said the theme means a safe living and learning environment while improving customer service and changing the village's past reputation.

Monroe said there would be more in the future to improve student living.



Phases I and II in University Village strive to make positive changes for its residents this year.

Photo By: Aaron Hamilton

community assistants (CA) have also taken an active role in the revitalization of student housing by keeping the area clean in hopes of setting an example for others to follow.

chief maintenance engineer Wayne Taylor, about \$377,000 was used to purchase supplies needed to repair damages in various rooms throughout the village.

filters, smoke detectors and other necessary safety equipment.

The goal of maintenance is to have all requests addressed within 24 hours.

## Economic development corporation comes to Prairie View

### Students will get opportunities to establish business ventures

By Nikki Easter  
Panther Staff

Prairie View Mayor Frank Jackson, the Students and Free Enterprises, and the College of Business are working together to foster student entrepreneurship at Prairie View.

Jackson has implemented a program, called Economic Development Corporation B, which will allot one-half cent per state sales tax per dollar collected in the city of Prairie View to be used for grants to help enterprising

students and community members start small businesses.

"This shows students that there are other ways to make money other than becoming a wage earner after they graduate," Jackson said. "The students have many ideas that are plausible and the city is here to help them."

Once enterprises get started, according to Jackson, more of the community's tax dollars stay in Prairie View and will enable the city to grow.

To be eligible for the grant money, businesses must be registered with the

state. This ensures sales tax will be generated. The business must also submit business plans, detailing how the money will be put back into the community, and a request for the start-up grant.

The Dean of the College of Business, Dr. Munir Quddus is developing plans to help those students interested in starting their own businesses.

Quddus plans to open a sub-center of the federally funded Small Business Development Center at Prairie View A&M University.

The SBDC, sponsored by the Small Business Administration, is an assistance program that targets small, female, and minority owned businesses to reduce the failure rate of these businesses by helping individuals create detailed business plans, and counseling in areas such as advertising, budgeting, and human resources.

Quddus is also writing a grant to develop entrepreneurship as an MBA course and as an undergraduate minor.

According to the Student and Free

Enterprises program assistant Freddie Roberts, SIFE is working with the College of Business and the Economic Development B committee, to host an entrepreneur expo to showcase student run businesses and invite outside companies with the hopes that they will set up businesses in Prairie View.

Roberts said the expo was still in the planning stages and is scheduled for later in the fall semester.



## Setting examples



By **NiRosha Smith**  
L & E Editor

Welcome back, Panthers, to a new and exciting semester on the Hill. While struggling to find parking spaces I'm sure you've been listening to the radio. And if you're fortunate enough to have working cable you've seen the new videos. Have you noticed that given his current dilemma, R. Kelly hasn't missed a step in his reign as the king of R&B?

Just what would R&B be without the "R"? This is a question that we all should ask ourselves. If he's incarcerated will he disappear from the charts or will he have more hits than Tupac after his death? R. Kelly may be put away whether it be because of bad judgement, or from a crazed fan crying wolf.

If he's guilty, he needs to accept the punishment. Until someone is made an example, celebrities will continue to misuse their fame. Celebrity prejudice has reared its ugly head in too many high profile cases. I'm sure everyone can think of celebrities who should be behind bars right now.

As I watch Kelly's videos I wonder if he's taking the right approach in his defense. Many may think that the seductive sounds that he produces may be sending the wrong message. Critics say his racy lyrics are perpetuating negative gossip.

I'm concerned that everyone is blind to the fact that these are the same messages that he's been sending his entire career. True fans should continue to support him until we know the truth. After all, he's considered innocent until proven guilty.

# Ashton Kutcher serves up laughs in new movie

By **Candace Simpson**  
Panther Staff

Ashton Kutcher, star of the hit television series, *That 70's Show*, is Tom Stansfield, a researcher who mistakenly agrees to housesit for his boss to get closer to his daughter.

Tom works as a researcher at a publishing house owned by a man who some would call a maniac, Jack Taylor. The company recently got an opening in the creative department and Tom believes that he's perfect for the position. During his ride to work he sees his crush, Lisa Taylor, (Tara Reid) who happens to be his boss' daughter. Lisa also works at the company and encourages Tom to try for the job. The only problem is he isn't much of a go-getter. To make matters worse, the boss is firing people for no reason and Tom

isn't the type to stick up for himself.

Talking with Lisa made him more confident, but he's still too nervous to ask Lisa out, let alone approach her father about the job. After witnessing two people get fired, Tom is happy to still have a job. Tom bumps into Lisa on his way from a meeting with his boss. Tom thinks she's inviting him to a party, and agrees to housesit while her father is gone on a business trip.

When Tom finds out that he's been deceived he decides to use the time to create book ideas. Jack has laid out many rules including no visitors, keeping the house clean and feeding his pet owl, O.J. The movie makes several not-so-comical references to O.J. Simpson. When a group of young, white females pass by, Tom yells, "O.J.'s loose" and

the females began to scream and run away.

Throughout the movie Tom's worst nightmares occurred. Unexpected houseguests start to show up and things fall apart. Jack's son, Red, stops by and tells Tom not to mention to his dad that he came over. Not knowing that Jack had a restraining order against Red, Tom decides to keep this information to himself.

Tom is worried because he can't get rid of Red's friend TJ or the others who have showed up at his boss' home. He finally gets time alone with Lisa when she comes home early after a fight with her boyfriend. They sort of bond but she loses her trust in him when she sees him giving two females "breast exams." Lisa doesn't understand anything that's been going on in her home. She finally

catches everyone trying to bury TJ in the back yard and they blame everything on Tom. She knows that her father will be home soon so she and the unwanted houseguests attempt to get everything in order while Tom stalls for time when picking up Jack. Everything is okay until they crash into the house and the police are waiting for Tom because everybody has said the events of the night were his fault. Jack tells Lisa they have to leave and Tom is arrested.

In the end Lisa finds out from Red that none of the things that happened at the house was Tom's fault. Jack overhears the conversation and takes this into consideration. Red finds Tom, he goes after Lisa, gets the job, and it ends in the typical "guy gets girl" way that most movies of this sort do.

## Fox and Badu among winners at Lady of Soul Awards

By **Monica Johnson**  
Panther Staff

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Lady of Soul Awards took place Aug. 23 in Pasadena, Calif. honoring famed women of both music and film.

The young and gifted actress/comedienne Aisha Tyler, actor/comedian Arsenio Hall, Lady of Soul Awards nominee Heather Headley and R&B crooner Tyrese served as co-hosts of the event, which was created to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of female recording artists.

This show is exclusively one and only in its kind offering awards to the females of the recording industry in both music and film.

British-born, DreamWorks Records', singing and songwriting duo Floetry, earned top honors with four Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards Nominations. Hot on their trail was the Neo

Soul Motown Records artist, Erykah Badu. Among other notable artists, who each received three nominations, were Heather Headley and Vivian Green. R&B megastar Missy Elliot along with 702

and TLC all racked up two nominations each.

This year the Lady of Soul Awards gave out their two distinguished awards.

Vivica A. Fox received the Lena Horn Award for outstanding career achievements, while Badu received the

Aretha Franklin Award for entertainer of the year.

Don Cornelius, Soul Train executive producer, commented on the show and its presentation saying, "Our overall talent package, includ-

ing four superstar co-hosts and special awards to such female giants as Vivica A. Fox and Erykah Badu, easily makes '03 our most exciting Lady of Soul Awards ever."

The new R&B/Neo-Soul Duo from England, Floetry,



Photo courtesy of Google Images  
Fox has come a long way from 'Soul Food' to finally arriving as a recipient at the Soul Train Awards

racked up this year winning three awards. The three awards consisted of best R&B/Soul Singing, Group Band or Duo; R&B/Soul Album of the Year, Group, Band or Duo; and Best R&B/Soul or Rap New Artist. Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliot and co-host Heather Headley each went home with two awards. This annual event is just one of many events created and driven by Soul Train creator and director, Don Cornelius.

The Lady of Soul Awards is a television program that is part of the nationally syndicated program, Soul Train. Soul Train is now the longest running television program of any television genre, in the entire history of first-run, nationally syndicated TV programming.



# Students see moving off campus as only option

By NiRosha Smith  
L&E Editor

Each semester the trend of moving off campus spreads like wildfire. One would assume that Prairie View A&M University would go to extreme lengths to ensure comfortable and affordable housing options for students. However, many students don't feel this way. For these students, moving to off campus living facilities becomes their only option.

Being fed up with the conditions of campus housing is an all too familiar conversation among students. Students rank cost and problems with maintenance high on their list of concerns. But exactly what factors do students consider each year when they plan their housing situations?

"I decided to move off the yard because I was concerned with infestation, safety issues, and I also wanted to save money," said junior education major Jameka Henderson. "The rent prices were steadily increasing without any improvements being made to the facilities."

Henderson, who lives in Brooks Landing Apartments admits to saving around \$2,000 per semester.

Although many students move because they're not satisfied in University Village Phase I and II, many do not.

Senior business and communications major Frankie Wilson moved solely because of the rising costs.

"If I was still a Community Assistant, I wouldn't have moved at all," said Wilson. "Although I don't enjoy being distant from student

life, I do appreciate the independence that I've gained. I'm also saving money by splitting my bills with my roommate." High enrollment and limited room availability have also become a variable in this equation. As of Tuesday, Sept. 2, there were more than 8,000 students enrolled at Prairie View. University Village Phases I, II, III and University College together hold 3,902 students. That leaves at least 4,098 applicants with no place to stay.

Students living on campus have the accessibility to amenities, social functions and meetings at a moment's notice. Students living away from the campus aren't usually eager to return after they've left for the day. Residents of the Village only have an electricity bill to worry about.

In addition to con-

stantly purchasing expensive gas, off campus residents frequently find telephone, electricity, cable and water bills in their mailboxes each month. These bills may seem excessive, at least until you consider the board taxes and other fees that don't appear on off-campus students' fee receipts.

"What is a small telephone bill, when I'm saving money from not having to purchase an unnecessary meal and laundry plan?" asked Henderson.

Both Henderson and Wilson agree that they would recommend moving to anyone on campus. They said their fee receipts are proof that relocating was well worth it.

## Top Five Albums



1. The Neptunes  
Present...Clones

2. T.I., Trap Muzik

3. Juelz Santana,  
From Me To U

4. Bow Wow, Bow  
Wow: Unleashed

5. Various Artists,  
State Property

Billboard.com



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The Neptunes moved  
from #72 to #1 in a week.

## Panther Poetry Lounge

"Angel Wings"

By: Thanes Queenan

A soft breeze passed by me today  
It was that of "Angel Wings"  
I felt a calm embracing me  
So peaceful and serene

It stayed and lingered for a while  
Then soon it did depart  
But left a lasting imprint  
Upon my lonely heart

So now when life seems not so kind  
And sadness fills my day  
I hold onto that gentle breeze  
When an "Angel" passed my way

1. Who's the freshman with the Dallas Skyline shaved on his head? 2. Who used his insurance money from the hail storm for rims instead of repair? 3. Wouldn't you make a bet that the girl with pink and blonde hair is from Dallas? 4. Shouldn't we ban throwbacks and "Mano-nos"? 5. How many of your mothers have financial aid on speed dial? 6. Can you believe the cafeteria food is edible? 7. Shouldn't Mrs. Pat be named Dean of Cafeteria Services? 8. If the cafeteria added an old lady with a tea cart, wouldn't it look just like Luby's? 9. Why did it take so long for our social security numbers to disappear from the I.D. cards? 10. When will the communications department get a new building? 11. Didn't we need that parking lot more than an architecture building? 12. How many people in S.G.A. really know what they're doing? 13. Because of G.P.A. requirements will the band be the Marching Storm or the Marching Sprinkle? 14. Who was the girl in the Student Center wearing the see-through jersey as a jersey dress? 15. Who thinks the football team is wasting our \$150 athletic fee? 16. Can they add that to our refund checks? 17. Shouldn't we hand out birth control at registration? 18. Did you notice the paint over the mold in the Village? 19. Are you dressing like you're going to class or T-town? 20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther



## MSC from page 1

Students were able to take advantage of the center's many amenities on Aug. 1 when the doors opened.

The old MSC was built in 1960 on the same ground where the new center now stands. The old center was torn down in 2000.

It was simply inadequate with the changing times and would have cost more to expand and update than to tear down and rebuild.

The old MSC was equipped with a convenience store, Taco Bell, KFC, a small ballroom, a barbershop, and even a flower shop.

The new MSC has updated a few things compared to what the old MSC and Alumni Hall had to offer. For example, there is now a Chick Filet, Starbucks, and the new menu serves better food quality.

Few students had negative comments on the new student center, but those that did were eager to express their thoughts.

"The new MSC is an

extravagant piece of eye candy, but it really doesn't accommodate the students," senior Simone Hollis said. "Now that the population has increased, there has become limited space for socializing—the new MSC is no comparison to Alumni Hall."

The bookstore in MSC is much larger, and there is a place called Panther Mart for convenient shopping.

The original bookstore will be used as faculty and staff dining.

SGA, Student Activities, and *The Panther* offices are all on the second floor.

There is also an auditorium, that seats approximately 982 people, and a ballroom with a capacity of up to 800.

However, the question everyone is asking is, "Is the new MSC really an improvement?"

"The new MSC has been a success as far as improving food and places for student organization. But, as far as financial aid, the registrar's office, and the admissions, all in one place,

causing confusion and congestion, it has failed," Senior Tonya Melton said.

Admissions, Registration, and Financial Aid have all been placed on the third floor. At a glance, this would seem like the best thing to do, but in reality it has caused a lot of confusion and frustration. For one, these offices are the most used on campus, so it makes sense for them to be altogether in one place.

The third floor is by far the smallest in the whole building, making these constantly over populated offices very congested.

Director of Student Center Operations, Silas Collins, addressed this problem by stating, "All the offices on the third floor are ENG meaning state owned, these offices can not be separated throughout the building."

Because of their historical purpose, the original buildings that held these offices, Evans Hall and Anderson Hall, will be renovated.

"The new MSC is really nice, but aren't there supposed to be some activities for

the students to do inside the center," Christine Fletcher asked.

There are still some features expected to be added to the center, such as a game room, ATM machine, and computer lab.

All the costs could not cover some of the other features such as the bowling alley.

Collins said he would also like to have a place inside the center for students to watch new releases. However, that idea is still in the works.

"My main concern right now is more parking for the facility," Collins said.

The center is open from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"I ask that the students help maintain the new MSC and let us all enjoy it," Collins said.

## Wright from page 1

-ductive semester. "There are no amoebas in this room," he said. "No one is self made. Each of you has a responsibility to serve someone. Everyone needs to work hard and study to do the best."

This issue of *The Panther* is dedicated to our hardworking Sports Editor, Leona Aaron.

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*The Panther Staff*

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